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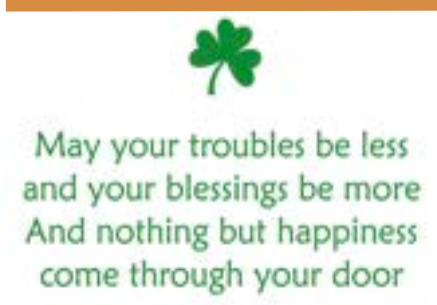

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Greetings and Happy March!
While our weather has certainly proposed challenges, it's not something this island and community won't overcome. We welcome you to enjoy the festivities as we celebrate both a cultural and religious holiday to honor the life of Saint Patrick. If your dance card is open, hop on a plane and join the fun activities we will be hosting. (See calendar on page 7 and 17).

The Beaver Island Hitorical Society is excited to share a sneak peek at our 2024 Schedule of Events. While planning is not always perfect, this is what we have lined up as of March 1.

The Museums are on schedule to have a soft opening in May and open daily beginning on June 17.

New this year
We have revamped our benefits and membership year. This month we will launch our Membership Drive. If you have already renewed your membership (Thank You), it will be automatically adjusted to reflect the new membership period: March 1 – February 29, and your event passes can be picked up at the Print Shop Museum Office.

Kids Camp registration opens April 1 and will close on April 30. Final payment for camp won't be due until July 1. Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns. Stay tuned for more information.

Kind Regards,
Lori Taylor-Blitz &
Amy Marschner

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- Logo printed on all 2024 Beaver Island Historical Society brochures/ newsletters
- Support recognition at all live events
- Option to host your holiday party at the Print Shop Museum in December or January
- Option to host your monthly meeting in the Print Shop Conference room during the shoulder season.

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We would like to help the Beaver Island Historical Society in its mission of Keeping Island History alive by becoming members or renewing at the indicated level:

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Print Shop Perspective

Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History Alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

Beaver Island Historical Society

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS		
APRIL 5	NORTHERN ISLANDER 1ST ANNIVERSARY 7 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
MAY 16	DOCENT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 12 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
MAY 18	MUSEUMS OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM	PRINT SHOP & MARINE MUSEUMS
JUNE 1	BIHS ROAD RALLY TIME TBD	ENDS AT BEAVER HEAD LIGHTHOUSE
JUNE 13	VOLUNTEER FAIR 1-4 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
JULY 24	78'S FOR THE PEOPLE 7 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
JULY 25	BAROQUE LECTURE 7 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
AUGUST 15	BIHS DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT 7 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
AUGUST 18	BEAVER HEAD LIGHTHOUSE PICNIC & TOURS	BEAVER HEAD LIGHTHOUSE
NOVEMBER 4	BEAVER HEAD LIGHTHOUSE REVEAL TIME TBD	BEAVER HEAD LIGHTHOUSE
DECEMBER 14	HOLIDAY SOCIAL 7 PM	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM

2024 MUSEUM WEEK		
JULY 15-18		
EVENTS @ 7 PM, ART SHOW 11-4 PM		
MONDAY	MUSIC ON THE PORCH	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
TUESDAY	THE STAPLETONS: INLAND SEAS SHOW FEATURING MUSICAL SEA SHANTY 'S CMU OPEN HOUSE	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM CMU BIOLOGICAL CENTER
WEDNESDAY	WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY 1 ART SHOW	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM GREGG FELLOWSHIP HALL
THURSDAY	WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY 2 ART SHOW	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM GREGG FELLOWSHIP HALL
FRIDAY	ART SHOW	GREGG FELLOWSHIP HALL

2024 KIDS CAMP		
JULY 22-26 10-3 PM		
MONDAY	BEAVER TALES	MORNING MEET AT SCHOOL
TUESDAY	ARCHAEOLOGY W/ PALEO JOE	MORNING MEET AT SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	NATURAL HISTORY	MORNING MEET AT SCHOOL
THURSDAY	POWER BOOK BAGS	MORNING MEET AT SCHOOL
FRIDAY	COMMUNITY DAY	MORNING MEET AT SCHOOL
NOTE: ITINERARY IS BEING REVIEWED AND THE DAILY THEMES MAY CHANGE		

BEAVER ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL		
SEPTEMBER 20 & 21 @ 7 PM		
FRIDAY	SHORT FILMS – TBD	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
SATURDAY	FEATURE FILM: LOUDER THAN LOVE: THE GRANDE BALLROOM STORY	PRINT SHOP MUSEUM

Mark Your Calendars!

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Joint Communication from St. James and Peaine Supervisors: County Roads and Taxes

The roads on Beaver Island are a point of discussion for year-round and summer residents alike. In the summer, the topic includes dust control, gravel, and potholes while in the winter, the topics surround plowing and ice management, among other things. When questions come to our attention, we follow through with the Charlevoix County Road Commission (CCRC). It is our goal to ensure that Beaver Island's roads remain a topic at the forefront of the commissions conversations and decision making.

In October 2023, township board members met with officials from the CCRC on Beaver Island to discuss concerns, share upcoming projects, and expand thoughts around ideas and potential funding on the island. Topics included dust application, timing/scope of the county maintenance of roads, construction of the road commission's maintenance building, the Donegal Bay Rd bike path, storm water extension for the park system, culverts and reditching, signage, tree removal, and a paving plan.

The township supervisors followed up with the road commissioners and other officials from the CCRC in Boyne City in January 2024 to further discuss the above issues and learn more about their proposed paving plan. The remainder of this joint communication will focus on the proposed paving plan.

In August 2024, the CCRC will be requesting that county voters consider renewing their 15-year long annual millage rate in the amount of 1.0000 mill. The key word is "renewal." A homeowner with a property value of $200,000 will pay $200 each year, as they have been, for maintaining and improving roads throughout the county, including on Beaver Island. This is not an increase above what is already collected.

In 2008, this 1.0000 millage rate was approved by voters across all of Charlevoix County and the road commission was able to pave 26 projects through 2023 county-wide. The total mileage of paved roads was 69.44 miles. King's Highway between East Side Drive and Tom McCauley Road was paved in 2014, at a cost of $1.734 million or 6.5% of the total county millage amount plus additional funds from federal, state, and township sources. This project was 3.85 miles long which represented 5.5% of the amount of road miles paved in the county and was the 5th largest project in all of Charlevoix County. Looking back over the last 15 years of the millage, Beaver Island taxes collected can be estimated as approximately $1.5 million. In other words, we received more than we contributed.

If the 15-year millage is renewed in August, the county will work toward another project on the island. They are estimating that 1.7 miles of road could be paved and there is interest in paving East Side Drive from King's Highway to the golf course, possibly in 2026. Why this road? This road, between Kings Hwy and just beyond Welke airport is arguably our most heavily traveled gravel road section on the island. With the constant traffic traveling to the facilities along this roadway including a cemetery, restaurant, transfer station, gravel pit, construction company, Beaver Island's medical air evacuation and largest freight airport, and golf course, this section could be considered a critical infrastructure upgrade. In addition, this road section is the most expensive to maintain in the summer due to grading, adding gravel, providing positive drainage, and placing dust control.

If you are interested in seeing another gravel road paved, please share your thoughts with your supervisor. Note that only County Primary Roads can use these millage monies. The gravel roads that are considered county primary are: East Side Drive (King's Hwy to Wagner Campground), Paid Een Ogs Rd (whose residents have shared that this road should not be paved), and Donel Mor Ln (Paid Een Ogs Rd to Airport Dr).

Maria Dal Pra - Supervisor, Peaine Bobbi Welke - Supervisor, St. James

$1000 Mini-Grant Awarded to Peaine Township

The Township of Peaine Board of Trustees would like to thank the ***Charlevoix County Community Foundation*** *for their mini-grant award of $1,000 to support our goal of increasing community communication and transparency. This award, along with a Township 50% match, will be used for the purchase of two 55" monitors and accessories to more effectively present to the public, enable conferences and private presentations, and ultimately support live streaming for those unable to attend in person. In addition to the grant, sincere thanks are extended to a private donor who has generously contributed video equipment toward the project.*

The board looks forward to seeing the positive results from this small but impactful step forward through the use of technology.

→ Peaine Township

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Announces New Winter Events At The Print Shop Museum

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BATTLE BAWDY FISHCHOKERS
IN AN EPIC TUG-O-WAR.

Peaine Township
Beaver Island, MI

On February 13th, 2024, the Peaine Township Board of Trustees passed a resolution thanking William Markey for his 38 years of service to the community on the Peaine Township Planning Commission and wishing him well in his new endeavor to manage the proposed Dark Sky Sanctuary. Be sure to thank Bill when you see him and wish him the best with his new and challenging position.

COMING SOON
Beaver Island Elks #2886 Social Room

The Beaver Island Elks #2886 has officially secured a building and will soon be opening a place of their own. The exact day the Elks Social room will open is still to be determined, but likely to be by early April. The Lodge leased the former Gillespies Realty building at 26205 Main Street. The Social Room will only be open to members and their guests. To find out more information about joining the Elks or volunteering please contact any Elks member

Location: 26205 Main Street

Elks

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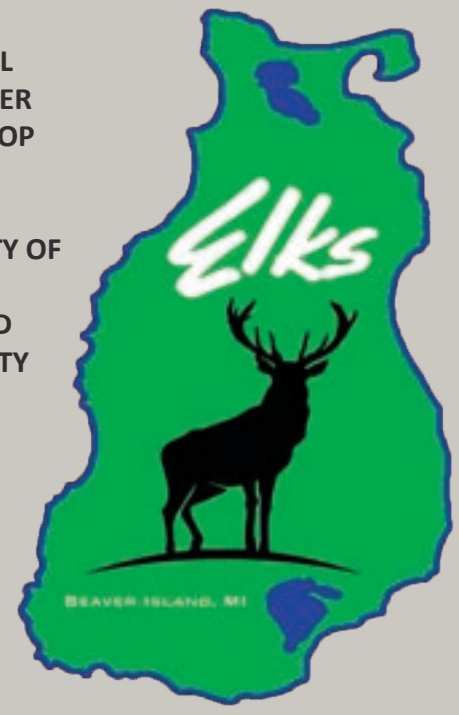

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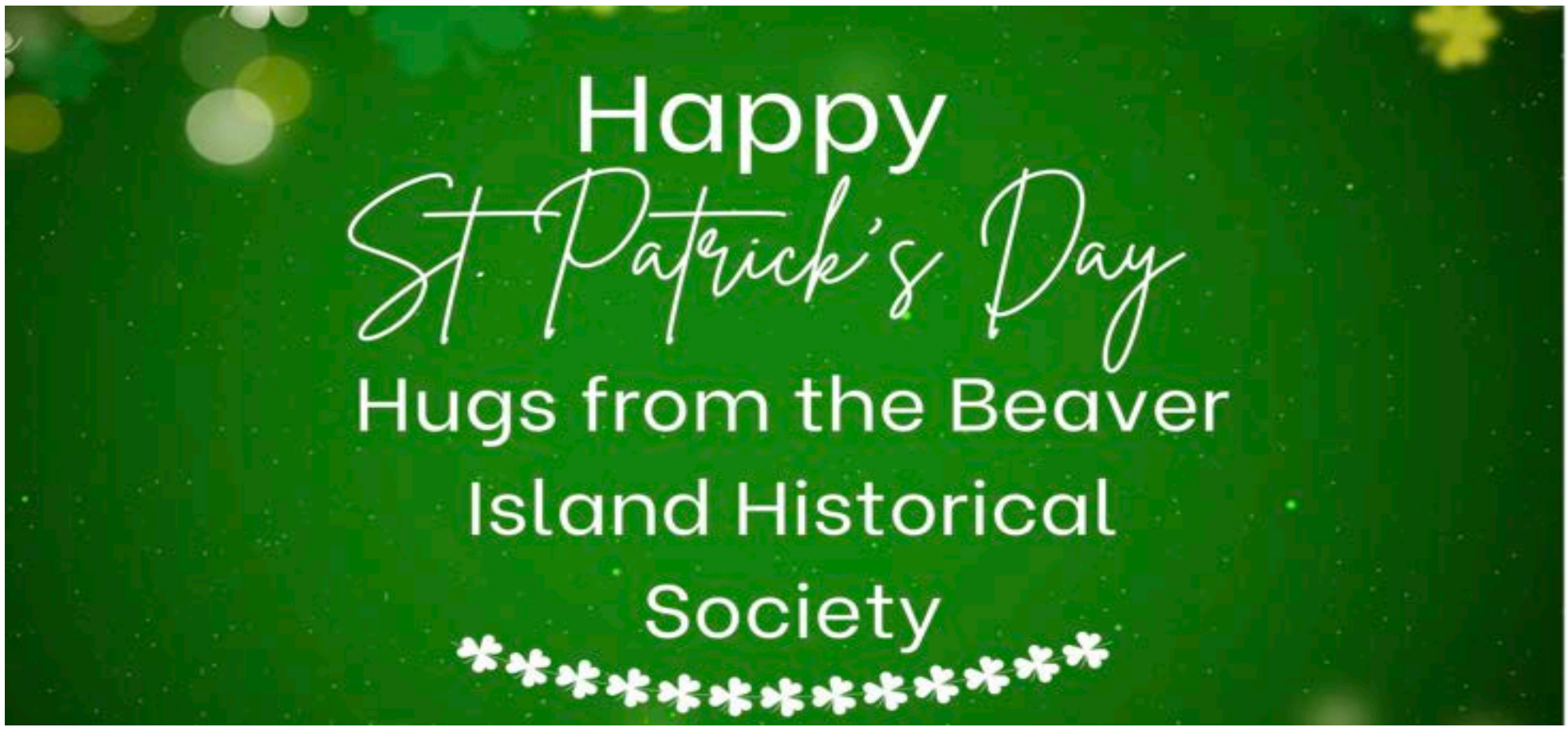
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT MARCH ON THE ISLAND?

By Amy Marschner

Many of our islanders have retreated back to the mainland to await better weather before heading back to paradise. However, we have literally dozens of reasons to book a flight on Fresh Air and or Island Airways to visit your favorite Island retreat. Below are some highlights of the fun that the Beaver Island Community is bringing your way for February. Our goal is to provide activities for all ages that will allow endless memories and smiles. Regardless of the weather, we have something for everyone. This month the island is getting prepared to get their "Shamrocks" on while attending some of our local events. Additional details can be found on page 17 or at the BI Center website.

MARCH
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT
• Talking Threads every Tuesday at 9 am @ Peaine Township
• COA Bingo every Wednesday at 1 pm
• Euchre Night every Thursday at 6 pm at the Wild Strawberry
• Senior Vets Coffee and Donuts every Friday at 9 am @ BIC
• BIHS Bingo on Friday, March 22 at 6:30 pm
• Adult movies every Saturday at 7 pm @ the BIC
• Book Club on March 21 at 3 pm at the BIDL
• GetSetUp on March 19 at 1:30 pm at the BIDL
FAMILY TIME
• BICS Sports Booster Crockpot Cook-off on March 1 at 5 pm
• Time for Art on Wednesdays at 5 pm
• Pre-eclipse party at the BIDL on March 23 at 2 pm
• BIHS Cabaret Night on Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 pm
• Easter Brunch on March 30 at the BICC at 11 am
WORSHIP
• Beaver Island Christian Church Worship every Sunday at 10am
• Holy Cross Sunday Mass every Sunday at 12:15pm
• Adult Faith Formation every Wednesday at 7pm @ the BICC
• Women's Bible Study every Thursday at 10am
KIDS CORNER
• Lego Club every Saturday at 1 pm at the BIDL
• Babies & Toddlers every Thursday at 9:30 am @ BIDL
• Story Hours with Maeve every Tuesday at 2:30 pm @ BIDL
• Library Pals on March 13 at 10:30 am at the BIDL
• Kid's movies at the BIC every Saturday at 4 pm
• Easter Egg hunt on March 30th at 1 pm
GREAT FOOD
• All You Can Eat Pizza every Monday at the Shamrock at 5 pm
• Mexican-inspired Chef's Choice every Wednesday at the Shamrock starting at 1 pm
• Rotating daily specials at the Wild Strawberry Cafe
• Burger and Beer every Thursday at the Shamrock starting at 5 pm
• Thursday's Happy Hour @ the Wild Strawberry Cafe with discounted pints and small bites
• Friday night Cod & Saturday night Prime Rib at the Shamrock
• Kegs & Eggs at the Wild Strawberry Cafe on March 16/17
• St. Patricks Celebration March 15-16 at the Beachcomber
• Sunday night hang-outs from 4-7 pm @ the Wild Strawberry Cafe (rotating dinner specials)
EXERCISE
• Pickleball every Monday at 5:30 pm
• COA Cardio Drumming every Wednesday at 10 am
• Pickleball every Tuesday, Thursday & and Friday at 10 am
• Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 am
• COA Chair Yoga every Tuesday at 10 am
• Senior Tai Chi every Thursday 11 am
For all the most up-to-date information visit: https://biccenter.org/calendar/



THIS COMMUNITY ROCKS

By Amy Marschner

This island never disappoints and when our community rallies together, anything is possible. The collective efforts and endless thankless hours that are put forth to ensure we provide an active and entertaining lifestyle for all ages is second to none.

That aside, it takes an army of willing, kind and smiling faces to pull off the numerous events that transpire on the island. The volunteer group was started based on a perceived need, both for nonprofits and the community at large. Most people are happy to help and join in, if they know how, where and when. The nonprofits on our island need the help to continue doing the good work and to help keep us a vibrant community. We know the help is here. People are good and want to be involved. We just need to ask. The group is set up to join both sides: The nonprofits that need the help and those willing to help. We now have 115+ members. Many volunteers have already stepped up to fill a need and continue to do so on a daily basis. Feel free to reach out to join the group and or contact Lois Stipp for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS WE NEED HELP WITH:

- ST. PATRICKS DAY FACE PAINTING
- BINGO NIGHT ON 3/22- 5:30 AT BIHS
- CABARET NIGHT ON 3/23- 5:30 AT BIHS
- EASTER GAME HOST ON 3/30- 2-4PM AT BIC
- EASTER EGG HIDING ON 3/30- 11-12:30 AT PUBLIC BEACH
- MUSEUM WEEK

Meet Juli Runberg

By Cheryl Kern

Juli began volunteering for the Historical Society soon after permanently moving here in 2020. She first visited the island at just 5 months old with her parents, Johnny and Joyce Runberg. They came to visit grandparents, Vern and Marguerite (McCaan) Runberg. Juli's great-great-grandfather, James McCaan was born in Ireland and came to Beaver Island in 1856 shortly after King Strang's death. James married Grace Martin and built the McCaan house. She is currently the fifth generation to live in that house. As a child, she would visit her grandparents every summer. Juli loved the smell of the pines, playing in the trees, and bathing in the lake using a piece of driftwood to hold the soap. As a teenager, she was a waitress at the Beaver Island Lodge. Later in life, she cared for her Grandma Runberg at the McCaan home.

Juli attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Central Michigan University for her teaching degree. She has taught art, science, and English. Juli also did freelance work, drawing maps, cards, and brochures as well as drawing some of the mushroom houses in Charlevoix. She currently enjoys art, gardening, and foraging for mushrooms, berries, apples, ramps, and other edibles. Juli loves the kindness and caring the people on Beaver Island have for each other. "The people here are real and authentic."

NEWS FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

The BIC Center has been keeping a steady stream of activities and events underway through the winter, with February featuring a Kids' Valentine's party, public forums sponsored by the townships, exercise programs, movies, a COA luncheon, art classes, music instruction, and more. Much of that is on tap again for March, as Spring arrives on the calendar and the island eases its way into warmer times. For current updates and other details, keep an eye on the Community Calendar found at **biccenter.org.**

Highlights for this month include some St. Patrick's Day-themed events to celebrate the Irish spirit. On Saturday, March 9 is a St. Patrick's Day Sip & Paint event, a fundraiser for the TUNES nonprofit organization, which itself is now sponsoring music classes right here at the Community Center a few days per week. For $35.00 you can paint, sip a beverage of your choice, and enjoy an afternoon of Irish music and snacks. Participants can choose to paint one of two Irish-themed images, with instruction by The Vivid Spirits Art Lounge - paint, supplies, beverages and snacks included! Class size is limited, so please register early by calling/texting 231-675-5591, or email **tunesmusicmakers@gmail.com.**

The weekend of 'The Great Day' itself has the Community Center weaving a couple Celtic kid-oriented programs into the town's traditional festivities, which we're calling Shamrocks and Shenanigans. On Friday, March 15, we'll put on face-painting activities at the Beaver Island Community School for school kids. On Saturday the 16th the BIC Center will have shortened hours to accommodate time-honored holiday games and music at local establishments, opening from 11 AM - 1 PM. In that time frame we'll be offering free popcorn and snacks, along with the chance for kids to decorate the sidewalks out front with colored chalk.

As always, there's a pot o' gold's worth of fun activities going on at your Community Center through the middling month of

TRAVEL
Around the World
with your Beaver Island Community Center
February & March 2024
The Beaver Island Community Center will be collecting post cards from you, your friends, your family, and our summer residents. We want to hear where you are and what you are up to.
We will be tracking the locations of where we receive post cards and where the furthest post card comes from. Happy traveling!

WINTER FUN AT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER!
TIME FOR ART - WEDNESDAYS AT 5PM
SENIOR & VETS COFFEE & DONUTS
FRIDAYS AT 9AM
COA BINGO - WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM
PICKLEBALL - T-TH-F FROM 10 TO NOON
& MONDAY EVENINGS AT 5:30PM
COA CHAIR YOGA - TUE AT 10AM
COA CARDIO DRUMMING - MON AT 10AM
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE
TUE & FRI AT 10:30AM
LET'S GET QUIZZICAL:
TRIVIA FUN AT THE BIC CENTER
MARCH DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED
FOR MORE EVENT INFO TUNE IN TO WVBI'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR WEEKDAYS AT 9, NOON, 3 & 6 OR CHECK CALENDAR.WVBI.NET
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MARCH 9 7PM
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MIGRATION
MARCH 23 4:00PM
THE COLOR PURPLE
THE DUDES ARE BACK FOR A
beach party
APRIL 13 AT THE BIC CENTER
Tickets available soon at tickets.biccenter.org!

Beaver Island District Library

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MARCH IS.....

Set a goal to read at least one book this

Join in the celebration of Irish American Heritage Month- it's not all about St. Patrick's Day! We have many books depicting Irish Americans for you to check out. Stop in and wear your green!

March is Women's History Month. Celebrate the many contributions made by women around the world! Check out our selection of wonderful books about women in history.

Beaver Island Seed Library is in development at the BIDL

Members of the Wellness Garden, Island Roots, TIS and BIDL met at the Library to discuss creating a Seed Library.

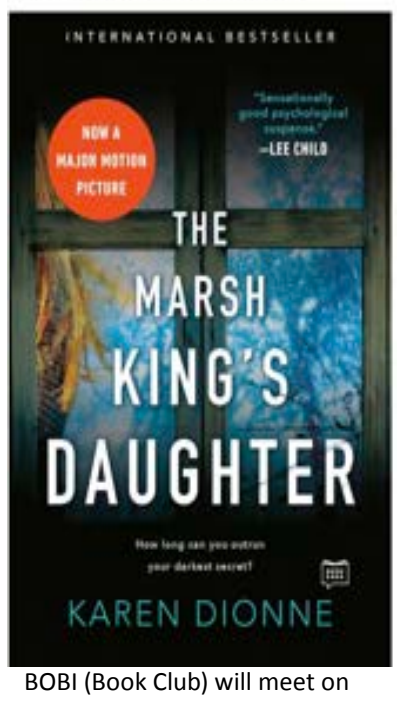
Application was made to the One Seed, One State program (which will provide us with the starting seed packets of Dill). The visualization was for the Library to be the home for seeds to share.

Also, there would be related programming held once or twice a month to help local gardeners learn more about how to create a garden safely (no invasivesplease) and successfully. When ready there will be a "kick-off" event to begin our library.

KIM MITCHELL RECOGNIZED AT BIDL

On February 7th, Kim Mitchell was recognized and thanked for her 10 years of service on theBIDL Board. Kim joined the board shortly after moving to the island and has been an active member ever since. The current and past board members gathered to thank her with a surprise party held after hours at the Library. She was presented with a gift and given a book spine to add to the Library's Benefactor Bookshelf.

BOBI Book Club March Meet



BOBI (Book Club) will meet on **March 21s** at 3 p.m. to discuss Karen Dionne's book.

The Marsh King's Daughter. Copies will be available at the library and are also on LIBBY. All are welcome to attend. Not on Island? Shoot us an email with your address and we can send you a zoom link to attend.

BIDL Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The BIDL Annual Board Meeting and Budget Hearing is on March 14, 2024 at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. The agenda will be posted at the library prior to the meeting.

The Budget Hearing is to present the budget for next year to the public. The Annual Meeting will approve the budget, make amendments to the past year's budget and elect the officers of the board followed by the usual board business for the month.

Story Hours continue on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Homeschoolers and preschoolers meet with Maeve Green for a fun hour of books, activities and learning.

Babies and Toddlers Mix Up also continues every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Maeve Green has set up a variety of sensory and play areas for toddlers and babies to enjoy and time for the parents to visit.

MARCH DATES OF NOTE

Tuesdays- 2:30 pm: Story Hour
Thursdays- 9:30 am: Babies and Toddlers Meet Up
March 13th –10:30 am: Library Pals

March 14th-5 pm: BIDL Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

March 19th-1:30 pm: Get Set Up with GETSETUP

March 21st -3 pm:BOBI book club
March 23rd -2 pm: Pre Eclipse-Party

March 30th -1 pm: Easter Egg Hunt

GetSetUp

Did you miss the last event to Get Set Up on GetSetUp? Come to the library on **March 19th at 1:30PM**

Bring your mobile device (cell phone, laptop, tablet or Ipad) and we will help you get registered for Get Set Up, an on-line opportunity for a variety of classes for older adults taught by older adults.

GetSetUp is the largest digital community for older adults to learn, share and socialize. Free online, live classes, events and more.

GetSetUp is an online community of people who want to learn new skills, connect withothers and unlock new life experiences. Our safe, social and interactive learning environment has been specifically designed for older adults. Classes are taught by older adults and kept small to ensure everyone can actively participate. We help older adults stay mentally and physically fit, we create economic opportunities through jobs and re-skilling, and we create a community where people find meaning and purpose by helping each other and forming new connections. Go to GetSetUp.io/partner/michigan to get the free program from MDHHS.
Register and start learning, sharing and socializing. FREE!

Solar Telescope at BIDL

The BIDL borrowed an Eclipse kit from the Library of Michigan. Inside was a solar telescope, just for viewing the sun. We invited the school over on the first sunny day we had, Feb. 2- Groundhog Day! Maeve first read a book about eclipses to the elementary and then we went outside! We also had solar binoculars and eclipse glasses to share. All these events are leading up to the big one, April 8th, a total eclipse. We will be able to see about 87% of the sun blocked by the moon.

Mrs. Bedell's 3rd and 4th grade class trying out the scope.

PRE-ECLIPSE PARTY MARCH 23rd at 2 p.m.

The 2024 Total Eclipse is rapidly approaching and the Library is taking a lead in activities both leading up to and during the eclipse. There will not be another solar eclipse viewed in our area for over 20 years! Our view will not be total but will be close with about 87% of the sun blocked by the moon. Take advantage of it now. The eclipse will be on April 8th and will begin about 2 p.m., running until approximately 4:30 p.m. There will be programming happening on that date as well at the library.

On March 23rd at 2 p.m, we are hosting a PRE-Eclipse party. During this party there will be demonstrations on how to view the eclipse safely, activities for the whole family, food and fun. We will also help you get signed up to be citizen scientists. The GLOBE program offers a variety of options for you to get started in a role as a citizen scientist both during the eclipse and beyond. Eclipse Soundscapes is another program we are participating in that features levels of citizen scientists including apprentices, observers and data collector. The library has applied to be a data collector and will receive the AudioMoth device that will collect sounds before, during and after the eclipse to determine if there is a change in the natural world noises during the eclipse. One other thing we hope to have in place comes from NASA Outreach Coordinator, Jeff Gray, who has a smart telescope located on Island for us to borrow. We will play with it on March 23rd and, of course, during the eclipse itself.

So, even if there is cloud cover, we will still have plenty to do during the party to prepare and learn about the solar eclipse of 2024.

Here We Go, Islanders! Here We Go!

By Olive Ledbetter & Zia Duffing

Did you know that Beaver Island Community School has been a part of an interscholastic basketball league since 1987? Big Bay De Noc, Grand Marais, Munising Baptist, Paradise, Hannahville, Maplewood Baptist, the Ojibwe Charter School, and Beaver Island make up the League of athletes known as the Northern Lights League. Our boys' and girls' teams fly to the other schools to compete using Island Airways. Other teams also fly over for games and tournaments.

In 1987, the Northern Lights League was founded. For many years, Beaver Island only had a boys' basketball team, considering our girls' volleyball season was at the same time. In 2008, when volleyball was switched to being a fall sport, our Lady Islanders basketball team was added to the league. We also did not always have a gym for our games. Instead, the team played their games at the Holy Cross Hall, until 1993, when our full-size gym was built.

The 2024 Basketball season was filled with both trials and triumphs. In our first home game, we played the Hannahville Eagles. Their two teams, boys and girls, flew over to the island and stayed at the school overnight. On Friday, January 12th, the Lady Islanders played hard and conquered the Eagles. The boys, although they played their hardest, unfortunately could not overcome the Eagles. Beaver Island's biggest rivals, the Mackinac Island Lakers, traveled to Beaver Island on January 19th. The girls lost by 5 points on Friday and the boys by 22. The next day the Lady Islanders won, and the boys played hard but couldn't quite succeed.

In one of our more recent games, the Islanders played against the Maplewood Baptist Blackbears. In our first two games against the Black Bears, the Islanders tried their best, but sadly could not beat them. During our Saturday games, our Lady Islanders came through and overcame the Blackbears! Maplewood Baptist is known in the league as a very challenging team to beat. Our Lady Islanders conquered these Blackbears for the first time in the history of their participation in the Northern Lights League!

Dr. Wil Cwikiel, our Principal/Superintendent here at BICS states, "I think varsity athletics are an important part of school for many reasons. Involvement in athletics builds character and helps individual athletes learn the importance of hard work, how to work as a team, the value of sportsmanship, and how to manage time. There are also a lot of mental and physical health benefits of being active in sports. From the school's perspective, sports like basketball serve to unite the whole school and bring everyone together. It doesn't matter if our team wins, we are all cheering for them to try hard and do their best!"

Sophie McDonough, one of our star players, claims that she thinks it is very important to be a part of a team; it teaches you some very essential life lessons and skills. She also considers that the basketball team can help bring the community together, and the students on the team get to experience interacting with other students from different communities.

Our Lady Islanders:	Islanders:
April Burgess, #12	Aedan Cole, #4
Maggie McCafferty, #3	Ethan Kubesh, #14
Alyssa Martin, #14	Jason Selby, #24
Izzabella DeLaat, #10	Lysander McGinnity, #10
Sophie McDonough, #1	Parker DeLaat, #20
Alexis Pease, #21	Nathan Huttenlocker, #3
Kira Turner, #11	Lucas Pease, #1
Amberlin McGee, #5	Tyler Bousquet, #11
Haley Pease, #2	Collin McGee, #2
Xandra Duffing, #15	
Madeline McGee, #13	

And a huge thank you to our trusted coaches:

Nicole Olson, Chris McGee, and Joe Callian.

WHY IT IS LIKE IT IS ON BEAVER ISLAND!

By Sue Oole

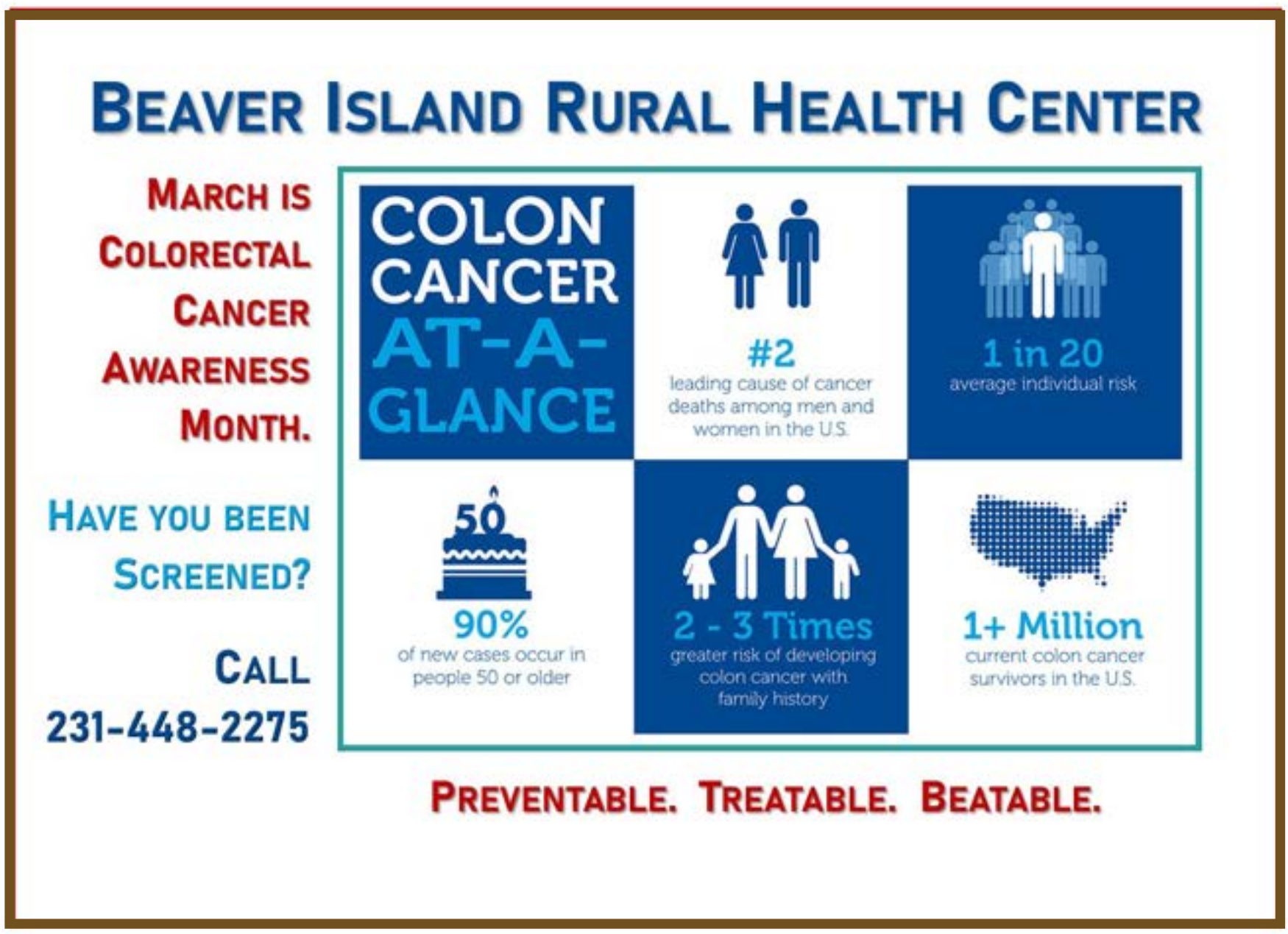
A few years ago I had the privilege of conducting some research for the Maloney family and found a beautiful explanation of the roots of our culture here on Beaver Island written by Charles Allan O'Donnell. Charles is a descendant of Patrick Maloney who had a farm at Font Lake in the area we now call Maloney's Point. The family gave me permission to share a portion of his writing and have combined it with things to consider when living on the island today. O'Donnell's words are in italics; the rest are mine. –Sue Oole

The Luck of the Irish. Could there possibly be any validity to this declaration? Are the Irish really charmed? Do the Irish have some gifted insight that they are not sharing with the world? It is something quite wonderful and it does exist. But, much more important, this 'luck' is available to everyone.

Many of the Irish in the USA and elsewhere are descended from people who survived the horrendous famine of the 1840s. Their people knew first-hand about poverty, starvation, deprivation, and hopelessness. These were conditions that really, cause people to pray; they had no other recourse. Along with depending on powers greater than themselves, the famine seems to have resulted in the Irish having a deep concern about suffering in the world. And this concern and caring seems to have been passed on to those of Irish decent wherever they may be.

With the Irish being some of the first settlers on Beaver Island, their ways became the island ways and many Irish families still live on the island where aspects of the Irish culture continue to this day. There is one rule of the road in Ireland that we practice on Beaver Island that many of our new residents and visitors are hesitant to follow—if someone waves at you, wave back. We are friendly and you should be too! If we come upon a stopped car, we stop to ask if everything is okay because we care for one another here. We also care about our wildlife. We don't speed on our roads because they are also the domain of the animals God has put here. Please slow down; many animals have been killed here by speeding cars. Our beaches protect us by acting as a buffer against high winds and waves of powerful storms. Please stop and consider what happens to our beaches because of four-wheelers. The protection of the beaches allows all of us the opportunity to enjoy them.

So, prayer + compassion + action = good results or, in other words, The Luck of the Irish. Living with trust in God and with a real caring for others to the point of generosity in both time and materials is the basis of the Beaver Island culture established by the Irish who came here almost 200 years ago. On Beaver Island the words of the Irish Blessing do come true as the winds of life are often at your back and there are many days when we know that God is holding us in His hands.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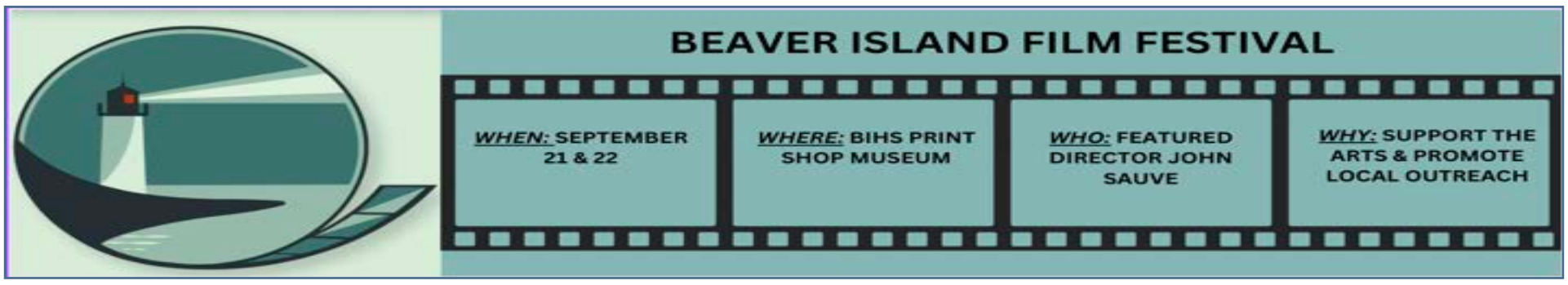
BEAVER ISLAND FILM FESTIVAL
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 21 & 22
WHERE: BIHS PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
WHO: FEATURED DIRECTOR JOHN SAUVE
WHY: SUPPORT THE ARTS & PROMOTE LOCAL OUTREACH

BIHS NAMES A NEW FILM DIRECTOR

By Amy Marschner

Beaver Island Historical Museum Director Lori Taylor Blitz announced that John Sauve will be the New Director of the Beaver Island Film Festival. Sauve, who has more than 25 years experience in film and film festivals will lead the 2024 film festival with a series of short films and a feature TBA in the Spring of 2024.

He established the Brighten International Film Festival in 2000 where he remained as Director of the festival for over 10 years. During that time Sauve established a film exchange program with the Tokyo Short Film Festival, The Cannes Film Festival, The New York Short Film Festival, Northwest Film Festival, and Black Chair Productions. The Brighton International Film Festival hosted films representing 33 different countries and specializing in short films in the arts. The Brighton International Film Festival was recognized by the Michigan Film Office as an innovator in the industry. Sauve served on the board of advisors for the Detroit/Windsor International Film Festival and managed the Art Gallery of Windsor Theatre for the festival. In addition, he has worked extensively as a consultant for several nonprofits and is involved in the international film festival circuit as a panelist and a juror.

“It’s a full-circle moment as Sauve has been inextricably connected to Beaver Island for more than 10 years, ever since he came to the island with Camp Quality to create a public Art project and short film that premiered at the Beaver Island Community Center,” Lori Taylor Blitz said in a statement. “He’s been at the forefront of supporting the arts on Beaver Island.” Lori Taylor Blitz said she and Sauve will work together to “shape critical conversations,” support the artist community, and expand “the possibilities for the Beaver Island Film Festival audiences and artists alike.”

To continue to enhance our mission to support local talent, the BIHS and the Movie Festival will offer an outreach program with the Beaver Island Community School. Collectively they will create several opportunities for the students to interview/shadow members of the film staff to enrich their knowledge and interest in the growing industry.

The 2024 Beaver Island Film Festival is scheduled to start with in-person events on September 20 and 21st at the Beaver Island Historical Society. The festival includes an evening of short film screenings on Friday, September 20th followed by a feature film on Saturday, September 21st. For information, visit beaverislandhistory.org

STORIES FROM THE FRONT PORCH

I have always said, to be on Beaver Island, you have to be running from something, running to something, or have family that's been here for generations.. I am sure there are exceptions, but for the most part, I have found this to be true.

One day at work, I was visiting with Amy Marschner, Editor of the Northern Islander, as she was dropping off the latest edition. She mentioned the name Bill Burns. My ears perked right up. How on earth did she know Bill Burns? He has been gone for years. If you knew Bill and his wife Marion, you never forgot them. They dressed alike every single day. Head to toe. Kind, generous and faithful souls. Bill taught my 8th grade religious education class, along with Genie Vreeland. They rank right up there with about 5 other people, that taught me more about true Christianity than any other person, book or religion. They didn't talk about it. They LIVED it. Beaver Island Community School's coveted Sportsmanship Award is named after him.

Amy & daughter Claudia at the Big Rock

But, back to Amy. How did she know him? How did she get here? I stopped into her office at the Historical Society's Print Shop Museum to find out more. Turns out, there was a whole lot more.

Amy has been coming to the island since she was 6 months old. SIX MONTHS. I won't tell you how old she is, but she has been coming on a regular basis for FIFTY years! She came with her parents and her beloved Grandma and Papa, who happened to be best friends with Bill and Marion.

Her grandparents bought the property next door to them, and originally started building what was going to be a hunting lodge for the boys in 1973. When her grandpa retired as Chief of Police in Ecorse they decided to retire here. The hunting lodge became a home for them. In October and November it was still a hunting camp but was used as a family retreat the rest of the year. At the end of the day, they inadvertently created a sanctuary of love for their children, grandchildren and future generations.

Amy is the odd girl out, being the firstborn granddaughter but can keep up with any of them I quickly learned. She has 3 brothers. Some of you may remember her brother Brad, that for a time ran the transfer station. She spent many of her early birthdays with her Dad scouting for the hunting camp to come. Amy came as often as she could, even during her college years. Other kids would go home for the weekend. She came to the island. Her papa would buy her a boat ticket or plane ticket any time she wanted to come.

For many years, after her divorce, it was just her and her daughter Claudia. She worked in a high level advertising company, traveled all over the world in 3" inch heels and dresses. She worked more hours in any given week than any human ever should. She did it for one reason, her daughter. She wanted her daughter to have it all, learn about hard work, but, at the same time instilling in her down to earth values and the gift of giving. She learned very early on that if you give more than you get, it comes back to you in immeasurable ways.

One day, about 3 years ago, a man named Eric messaged Amy on Facebook to wish her a happy birthday. He had been one of her brothers best friends growing up on the street behind her in Trenton. She suggested they get together to catch up. Six months later they were engaged. She brought Eric here, and he fell in love with it. He suggested they get married on the island. With a lot of help from her Mom, family and Colleen Martin they pulled it off. They got married on the beach in front of Blarneystones by her brother Tim.. They had their reception at her family's front yard with her grandparents watching over. When it was time to return to the big city Amy told Eric she didn't want to leave.

When they were first engaged, Amy got a call from Terry Frysinger (Her dad's best friend, who then owned Bill and Marion's place) and he offered to sell her the place. After a few minute call to her dad to tell him what she was up to, she called Terry back and told him, SOLD! Then, she called Eric, and told him.. Hey, I bought a place on Beaver Island, hope you don't mind.. Thankfully he was all in.

I swear that girl is my spirit animal. I would so do the same thing.

We talked about being single moms, the challenges of that, and the joys too. When I asked Amy what brings you true joy, her response was immediate. Helping others. Giving back. Giving more than you get. She sees more in this community than she ever has anywhere else. She said the kindness on this island is second to none.

After her abrubt decision to leave her life behind, she realized that a job was in order. Amy reached out to the McDonough family to ask for a favor. We laughed about the McDonough Boys teasing her about her experience in grocery stores, then hiring her without hesitation. Good and kind men, (with a huge dollop of humor in them too).

Her family memories on the beach of Iron Ore Bay make it a favorite place for her. Her best memories from childhood here include The Toy Museum and the pool at Donegal Bay. She remembers the Beachcomber when it was a pizza and ice cream place with games for teens. Others include the big rock, and sweetly, her home. It is filled with things she loves, but most importantly her husband and her dogs. They both love to hunt and fish and spend a lot of time filling their freezers with the bounty of that. They try to live sustainably.

Amy donated all of her dress clothes, high heels and accessories and traded in her advertising career, traveling the world for her best life now. She is comfortable, she is happy and she is home. I am glad you are here Amy! You make our community a better place. I usually take a picture of my interview subject, but this time Amy is picking a picture from her past on the island. I hope you enjoy what she chooses. If you have an idea for an interview, please send Amy or I a note. I will do my best.

THE BEAVER ISLAND PERFORMING ARTS ALLIANCE (BIPAA) GOES BEYOND BAROQUE IN 2024

By Matt Thomas

The Greg Vadnais Quartet

This summer the BIPAA will once again present events outside its usual Baroque on Beaver Festival (July 25 - Aug 3). The Beaver Island Jazz Series (co-presented with the BIC Center and made possible by a generous donation from Bob and Julie Neff) will feature two great concerts.

On July 17 at 7:30 the Greg Vadnais Quartet will perform an evening of jazz standards and originals. Mr. Vadnais is a drummer and percussionist with a focus and passion for jazz and world music. Greg has performed and recorded at festivals and venues with a number of bands throughout Michigan since relocating from Colorado in the late 2000's. His quartet features Ron Getz on guitar, Bruce Dondero on bass, and Dan White on saxophones. For more information, please visit his website **www.gregvadnaismusic.com.**

On August 14 at 7:30, "America's Pianist" Kevin Cole makes his Beaver Island return engagement. The definitive interpreter of the piano music of Irving Berlin and George Gershwin, Mr. Cole has also been known to combine his outstanding piano skills with vocalists for evenings of song. Stay tuned for updates at **www.baroqueonbeaver.org** and visit **www.kevincolemusic.com** in the meantime to learn more.

Kevin Cole

But there is more. On July 9 and 10 at 7:30 professional theatre makes its return to the BIC Center as the two-act play Searching for Eden will be directed by Peter Amster. This two-person play is set in the Garden of Eden and follows the meeting of the first man and woman. Playwright James Still combines Mark Twain's short stories about Adam and Eve to create the narrative. The play begins at the couple's meeting and the battle of the sexes starts, language is deliciously invented, and loneliness and heartbreak are poignantly discovered. We then jump forward to the present day. Adam and Eve are in their 40's and are now distracted with high-power careers. Eventually, the family returns to present-day Eden (now an upscale resort simply called "E") to recapture the primal passions of their youth. This delicious comedy will feature the brilliant stage veterans David Breitbarth and Cindy Gold.

Tickets for these and all other BIPAA events are available June 1 at **www.store.biccenter.org/tickets.**

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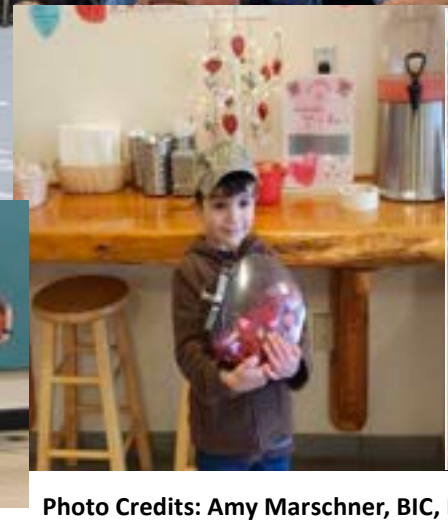

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MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 • **10am** Beaver Island Christian Church Worship • **12:15 pm** Sunday Mass at 12:15 • **4pm** Giggles & Gaggles	**4** • **5pm** All you can eat Pizza & Salad • **5:30pm** Pickleball	**5** • **9am** Talking Threads • **10am** COA Chair Yoga • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Exercise Program • **6pm** AA Meeting	**6** • **9am** Peaine Township Planning Commission • **10am** COA Cardio Drumming • **11am** Mexican Food Day • **1pm** COA BINGO • **1pm** St. James Township Finance & Administration Committee • **3:30pm** Emerald Isle Irish Feile Meeting • **3:30pm** Facilities Meeting • **5pm** Time for Art • **5:30pm** BICS COTW Mtg • **7pm** Adult Faith Formation	**7** • **10am** Pickleball • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **11am** Senior Tai Chi • **3:30pm** Island Roots Gardening Club • **5pm** Burger & Beer • **5:30pm** Emerald Isle Irish Feile Meeting • **6pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting • **6pm** Euchre Night at WPBC	**8** • **9am** Senior Vets Coffee & Donuts • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30 am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	**9** • **1pm** Lego Club • **3:30pm** St. Patricks Day Paint and Sip • **4pm Movie:** The Inventor • **6pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting • **7pm Movie:** Dream Scenario
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https://biccenter.org/calendar/

TRIED AND TRUE FAVORITE FAMILY RECIPES

By Rach Becker

BLASTA! (IRISH FOR DELICIOUS)

BONDO BOB BANVILLE'S UNCLE BOB'S GREEK STUFF (NICKNIPOPULAS--- A ONE-DISH MEAL)

EACH MONTH, WE WILL BE FEATURING RECIPES THAT WILL BE SURE TO HAVE YOU COMING BACK FOR SECOND HELPINGS. THE RECIPES THAT WE GREW UP WITH AND STILL MAKE TODAY.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE MAY SEEM FAMILIAR TO YOU IF YOU HAVE THE "TASTE AND SEE" COOKBOOK, YOU'VE PROBABLY LOOKED IT OVER AND MAYBE EVEN ENJOYED IT, YOURSELF).

AS YOU MAY KNOW, BOB BANVILLE LOVED COOKING (AND EATING)!! HE WAS MARRIED TO MY MOM FOR NEARLY 16 YEARS BEFORE HIS PASSING. THIS IS STILL A RECIPE MY MOM AND I MAKE SOMETIMES WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME COMFORT FOOD.

BOB BOLLY WAS BOB'S MOM'S ONLY SIBLING. HE WENT OFF TO FRANCE FOR WORLD WAR TWO. BEFORE HE CAME HOME, HE STOPPED IN GREECE, FOUND THIS RECIPE THAT HE LIKED, AND BROUGHT IT HOME TO OHIO.

NOW ON TO THE RECIPE!

2 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL
6 MEDIUM POTATOES, PEELED AND SLICED (A MANDOLIN IS A DREAM FOR THIS)
2 CLOVES OF GARLIC, OR A GOOD SPRINKLE OF GARLIC POWDER
1 POUND GROUND BEEF
1 MEDIUM ONION, CHOPPED FINELY
SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE
1 SMALL CAN TOMATO PASTE
1 PASTE CAN OF WATER
1/4 CUP RED WINE
1 SHAKE CINNAMON
3 BAY LEAVES

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°. PUT OIL, POTATOES, AND GARLIC IN FRY PAN; FRY UNTIL OPAQUE. REMOVE AND PUT IN A SMALL ROASTER OR CASSEROLE DISH WITH A COVER. BROWN GROUND BEEF IN OLIVE OIL WITH ONION. ADD SALT AND PEPPER. MIX MEAT AND POTATOES. MIX THE TOMATO PASTE, WATER, WINE, AND CINNAMON. POUR OVER MEAT AND POTATOES. LAY BAY LEAVES ON TOP. BAKE FOR ONE HOUR. SERVE WITH PUMPERNICKEL BREAD, A GREEK SALAD, AND A NICE MERLOT. MAKE A DOUBLE BATCH... IT'S GOOD THE NEXT DAY!

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2024 Board of Review Information- St. James Township

By Frank D'Andraia

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the Township of St. James that the 2024 March Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the 2024 assessment roll, hearing protests and appeals of assessed and/or tentative taxable values, and hearing and deciding on other matters as permitted by law. Appeals will only be heard from the owner of the property or authorized representative. Authorization must be in written form for a representative to act on the property owner's behalf.

In 2024 the St. James Board of Review Organizational and Appeal Hearings shall occur in March and are being held at the Beaver Island Historical Society's Old Mormon Print Shop Museum, 26275 Main Street, St. James.

The March 2024 Board of Review Organizational Meeting and Appeal Hearings times and dates are listed below. All meetings are open to the public.

Organizational Meeting
(NO Appeal Hearings at this meeting)
March 5, 2024 (Tuesday) 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Appeal Hearings
March 11, 2024 (Monday): 3:00pm - 9:00pm
March 14, 2024 (Thursday): 11:00am - 5:00pm

Overview

Your first step in the appeals process is direct contact with the Assessor. Many appeals are simply misunderstandings or misinterpretations of facts that can be resolved effectively in the office.

Brooke Milbrandt
P. O. Box 337
Alanson, MI 49706
bnassessing@gmail.com
906 322-6625

March Board of Review

For residential property, the next step for residents in the appeals process is at the local March Board of Review. This step is required to protect your right to further appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT) for Valuation Appeals and to the State Tax Commission for Classification Appeals.

When you appear before the March St. James Board of Review you are advised to bring information that helps to substantiate claims of over-assessment, such as photographs, appraisals, and/or listings of comparable sales. A Board of ReviewPetition will be required (Michigan Department of Treasury Form 618), obtainable at the time of appeal or print a copy from the following link:
https://www.michigan.gov/taxes/property/forms/instructions/board-of-review

Notification of the board's decision is provided by mail no later than the first Monday in June.

Appeal Hearings

IN-PERSON APPEAL- Call 906 322-6625 or email
bnassessing@gmail.com to schedule an IN-PERSON APPOINTMENT. Appeal Appointments are preferred but not required. Appointments must be made no later than March 14, 2024 at NOON.

WRITTEN APPEALS will also be accepted from residents and non-residents alike. WRITTEN APPEALS must be accompanied by FORM 618/L-4035. Appeals in writing are to be mailed to: Attn. Township Assessor, Brooke Milbrandt, P. O. Box 337, Alanson, MI 49706. To obtain FORM 618/L-4035 or any other questions, call or direct to the email provided above.

The 2024 Tentative Ratios and Estimated Multipliers for real property classes in the Township of St, James are:

Agricultural - Not Applicable
Industrial - Not Applicable
Commercial - 41.88/ 1.1939
Residential - 41.56 1.20308

Taxpayers or their authorized representative may contact the Assessor prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss 2024 assessed or taxable values using the same contact information to make appointments.

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meeting upon five (5) days' notice by calling 906 322-6625.

Additional information about the Board of Review may be found on the St. James Township webpages: https://www.stjamestwp.org/index.php

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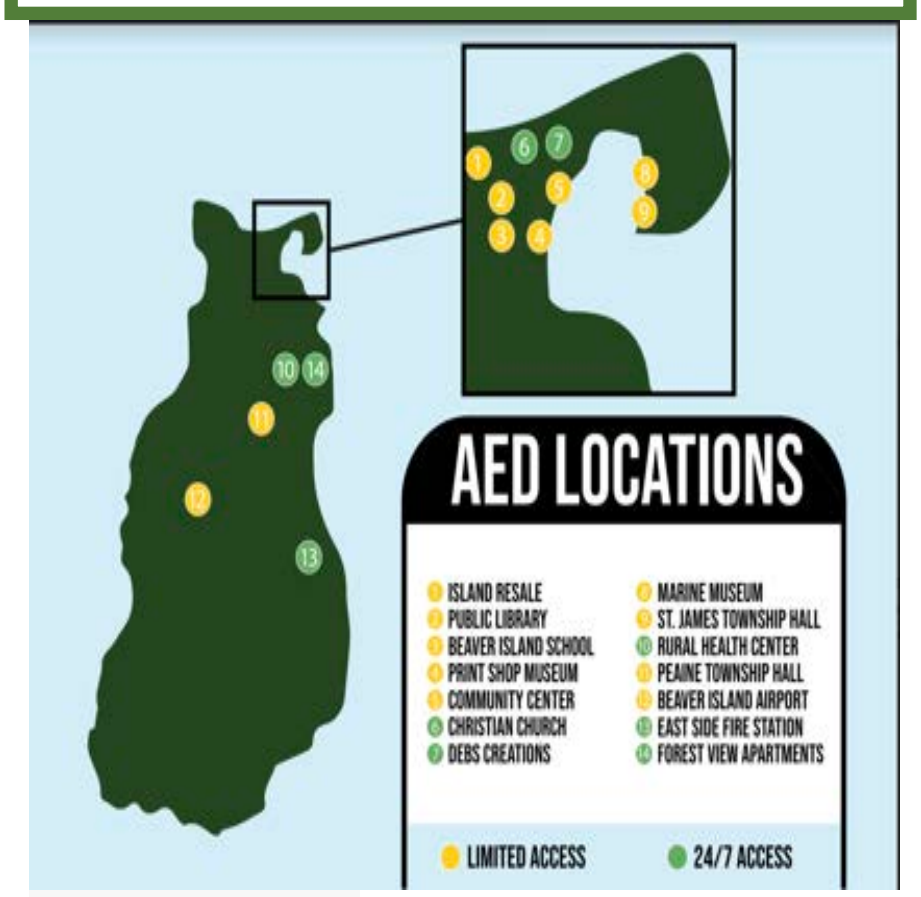

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With gratitude, the Beaver Island Historical Society wishes to thank the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for a generous $1,200 Mini-Grant. The funds were used to purchase 24 pairs of Snow Shoes for our community in various sizes for children and adults ranging up to 300 pounds.

Snow Shoes can be rented FREE OF CHARGE from the Beaver Island Community Center with proper identification. Thank you C3F and Bring on the Snow!

MOVING FORWARD

- ***All snowshoes must be checked out by a responsible adult- 18 years old with identification***
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- ***Snowshoes can be checked out at the BICC***

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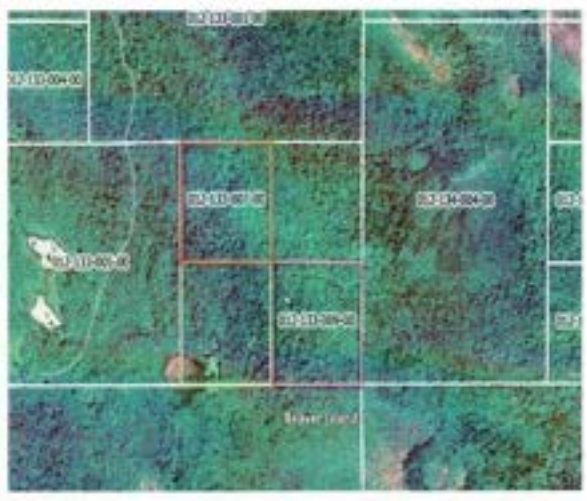

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OFFICE - 26300 Back Highway - Beaver Island, MI 49782 - Call Ed at 231-313-8682

BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE NEWS

By Jacque LaFreniere

The Beaver Island Wildlife club is commited to support youth hunting for our current and future generations. As a result, we are currently seeking help with creating our new "Successful Deer Hunter" patch. Get your creative juices flowing and be part of our history.

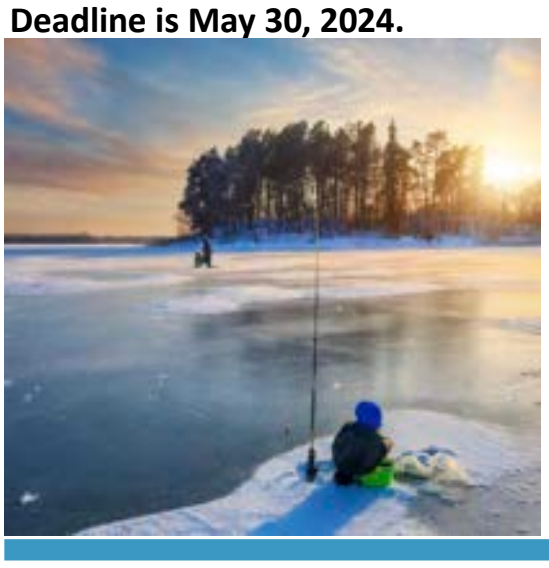
The badge must include:

- Beaver Island Wildlife Club
- Successful Deer Hunter, 2024

However, the rest of the creativity is up to you.

Please send submissions via email or drawing to Jacque LaFreniere, email: jacquel@tds.net, or drop off at the Library. Can also snail mail to Box 335, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Deadline is May 30, 2024.



Ice Fishing Tournament Update-

Still on hold until the weather cooperates and the lakes can make some ice! Watch locally for details.

SHERRIED SQUIRREL
A lot of people don't know about Squirrel as a food source. But it is one of my favorite meals.
Every Mother's Day, my husband makes me a Sherried Squirrel. I am probably the only mother in the world eating squirrel by choice on Mother's Day.
You certainly won't find it in any restaurant! Below is our recipe for the best squirrel you have ever tasted!
SHERRIED SQUIRREL
3-4 Squirrels, cut up
8 ounces fresh whole mushrooms
Flour, Salt, Pepper, Butter
SHERY SAUCE
1 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup cooking sherry
1 tablespoon Worcestershire
1/4 Lawry's seasoning
2 drops of hot sauce
METHOD
Heat oven to 350.
Coat Squirrel pieces with flour and salt and pepper.
In a large skillet, melt butter in the oil over medium-low heat. Add coated squirrel pieces and brown over medium-high heat. Transfer squirrel and drippings into a 3 qt. casserole.
In a 2-cup measuring cup, mix the Sherry Sauce ingredients together.
Add Mushrooms to the casserole and cover with the sherry sauce mixture.
Cover and bake for about 2-1/2 hours.
JACQUE LAFRENIERE

GREAT TURNOUT FOR ST BRIDGID'S CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP

By Kitty McNamara

February 1st, St Bridgid's Day, found over 30 people gathered at the BIC Center to make St Bridgid's crosses under the tutelage of Cindy Gillespie Cushman. Materials (rushes) for the event came from County Louth in Ireland and every participant took a freshly made cross home with them. Additionally, there was a display of all things Irish and even some freshly baked bread made by Cindy herself.

The event was sponsored by the newly established nonprofit corporation, Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group, the folks who bring you the Emerald Isle Irish Feile and the BI Irish American Hall of Fame. The organization plans to host more Irish cultural events throughout the year.

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Fill out this 5 minute survey about interest for a Beaver Island Community Garden!
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SCAN ME

Join the Calling of the Clans Fundraiser for the 2024 Emerald Isle Irish Féile!

Submitted By: Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group

The 2023 Emerald Isle Irish Féile was a resounding success, and as we embark on our journey into 2024 we invite you once again to be part of our newly founded fundraising tradition to support this premier cultural event. Our 2024 Calling of the Clans Initiative is already in full swing, and we're thrilled to announce the addition of new clans to our esteemed ranks: Gallagher, McCafferty, Martin, and McNamara!

The memories we made in 2023, from the enchanting melodies of the Arranmore Pipe Band to heartwarming reunions with relatives from Arranmore, Chicago, and beyond will forever hold a place in our hearts. In 2024 we're committed to preserving and honoring the rich Irish Heritage of Beaver Island, strengthening its ties to Arranmore Island, County Donegal, Ireland. Our dedicated team at the Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group has been diligently crafting exciting plans for this year's festival, and your continued support ensures its authenticity and longevity.

We welcome once again mesmerizing performances by Jerry Early and friends from Arranmore. Also, renowned Donegal fiddler Caoimhin MacAoidh and Beaver Island's Glen Hendrix will be playing sessions honoring Beaver Island's legendary fiddler Pat Bonner. Add to that an eclectic lineup featuring the Byrne Brothers, Tartan Terrors, The Gavin Family, Stay Happy Band, Danny & Friends, Ruby John & John Warstler, and Hannah Harris Graham!

The clan with the most donations by Noon on the Great Day - March 17, 2024 - will earn the title of CLAN OF THE YEAR, earning the privilege of adorning the festival's Hearth Area with their family photos and heirlooms. Let's see which clan will carry the honor, as the McDonough Clan did in 2023!

Clans who contribute at least $1000.00 will have their family crest raised at our Festival Headquarters, Holy Cross Hall. And for Calling of the Clans supporters, festivities kick off on Thursday, September 5th, with a special "Holy Hour" event at Holy Cross Hall, in gratitude for your invaluable support. Secure your individual spot at this exclusive Thursday evening event by contributing a minimum of $50.00 to the clan of your choice. For an extra special experience, including a Plus One, contribute at least $100.00.

Visit our website https://irishfeile.com/callin-of-the-clans/ to make your donation and learn more about this great initiative, and follow our weekly donation standings on Facebook. Your questions, suggestions, and presence mean the world to us, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Here's to another unforgettable year of camaraderie, music, and Irish heritage!

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KIDS CAMP

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BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KIDS CAMP COUNSELORS

THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS SEEKING ENERGETIC STAFF FOR BEAVER ISLAND'S 2024 KIDS CAMP - JULY 22-25,2024.

COMPENSATION: $500 STIPEND

QUALIFICATIONS:

Job Summary: Under the direction of the Camp Coordinator, Counselors will assist with the organization and execution of camp activities.

Counselors will be assigned a group of kids that they are responsible for supervising. With this, counselors will monitor and participate in all activities. Counselors are expected to serve as appropriate role models for the children under their care.

- Participate in team training and meetings.
- Lead activities and ensure all children are participating in said activities.
- Supervise all aspects of their group of campers, ranging from lunchtime to organizing fun games during free time, etc...
- Maintain good public relations with campers' parents or guardians.
- Other reasonable duties may be assigned as required by the Camp Coordinator or BIHS Executive Director.

RESUME DUE MARCH 22, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

director@beaverislandhistory.org

July 22- July 26

KIDS CAMP

HIRING

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KIDS CAMP COORDINATOR

THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS SEEKING AN ENERGETIC PERSON TO COORDINATE BEAVER ISLAND'S 2024 KIDS CAMP - JULY 22-25,2024.

COMPENSATION: $1,000 STIPEND

QUALIFICATIONS:

The Coordinator will have creative influence and be responsible for:

- Establishing and Chairing a Kid's Camp Committee
- Organizing the purchasing of any necessary items and materials
- Overseeing and identifying Sponsors and Volunteers
- Planning and helping execute the daily logistics of Kids Camp
- Be the lead point of contact
- Manage Counselor applications
- Spearheading the promotion of Kids Camp with help from the BIHS team
- Lead Camp Counselors with Daily Activities
- Budget overview
- Work closely with the BIHS Executive Director and Kids Camp Committee

LETTER OF INTEREST DUE MARCH 22, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

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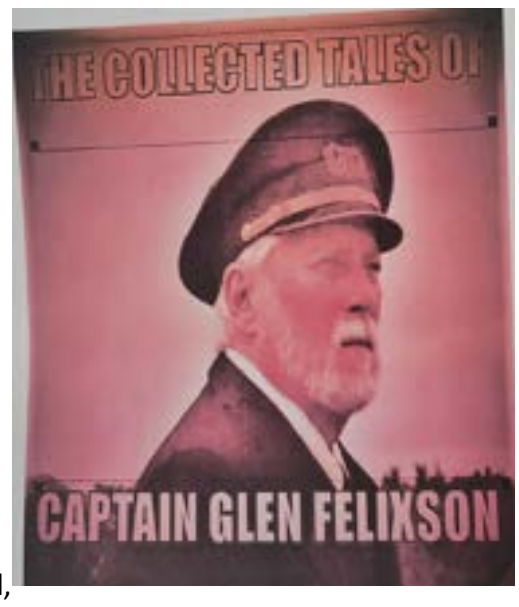
BOYS WILL BE BOYS

By Capt. Glen Felixson



As I can recall, it was around 1958 or 1959. We were old enough to have connections for the acquisition of Pabst Blue Ribbon, Bull Frog, or Drewery's Beer. You buy a case, your pal gets a couple of bottles fair and square, and he might even help you drink it all.

So, Johnny, Ronald, Harry, and yours truly (the names have not been changed because there is no innocence) were going to go camping out on the bluff on the west end of the beach, which is now the campground. The bluff, being steep and about forty or fifty feet deep to the water or lake; we set up camp with an old tent, made a fire, and started to consume our ill-gotten booze.

Since we had a .22 rifle with us to ward off monsters and such, it was only natural that we should target practice by shooting the empty long necks thrown down the bluff and hitting them before they hit the water. This, we did with ease (since we were all experienced small game hunters) as you only hit squirrels in the head, period.

Well, as the afternoon progressed, the bluff was peppered with broken glass. We were pickled as in "Ain't we having fun now?" Pals would come and go, bringing more beer. By night, the scene was pure anarchy. Singing, dancing, carousing, and a good time was had by all, right up to Harry getting down on hands and knees behind me with the bluff behind him. Johnny pushes me over Harry and down the bluff. I went cascading head over heels down over broken glass and rocks and didn't stop until I hit the water.

Now this wasn't a malicious assault, Johnny was a friend of mine and didn't mean any harm to me as it was just one of those stupid half-in-the-bag pranks. They holler down, "Are you all right?"

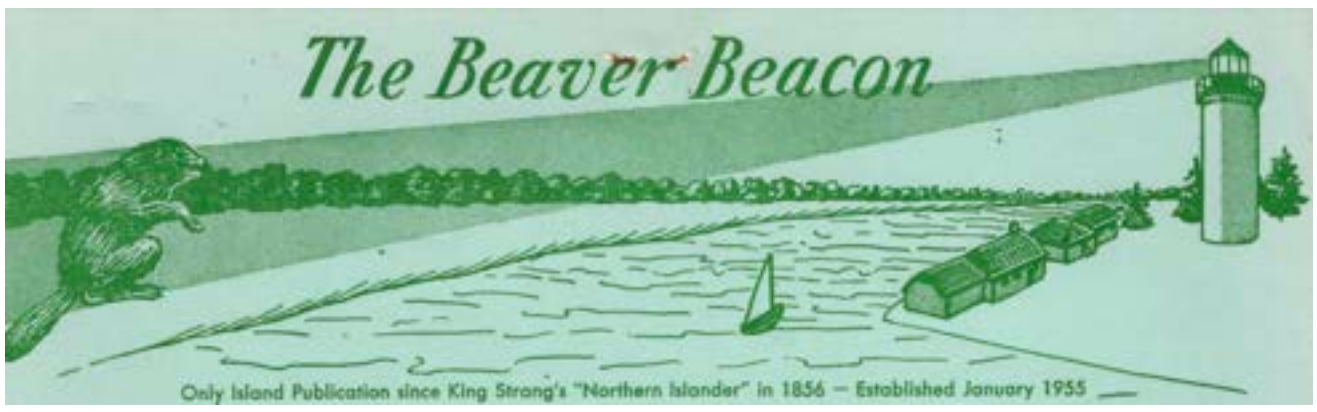
I replied, "Yes, thanks jerk." And I proceed to climb back up on my hands and knees. It was now a much higher bluff than before. Well, I made it back up to the top and sat there by the fire catching my breath. Ronald says, "You're leaking."

Sure enough, my left knee had a gash about two inches long and a quarter-inch deep, gushing red stuff down my leg. Something had to be done and soon. The party was over for me. I say, "Hell, I don't want to go! Can't we put a tourniquet on it?" Not.

So they piled me and Ronald into Johnny's truck, which didn't have any headlights. We didn't expect to leave until the next day. How Johnny drove that truck in the dark, a half-mile through dark woods on a logging road back into town, I'll never know. I guess he might have sobered up a bit. Well, they got me home and knocked on the door as they were holding me up since I had not sobered up yet. My dear Ma opens the door, they let me go and she catches me before I land on my face.

They split, she plunked me down on a chair and took one look at me and my leg, which was still leaking pretty good. I can't remember what she said but it must have been profound, to say the least. I'm sitting there and she calls Old Dr. Vail at home. She came back with a tube of toothpaste and tried to squirt it into my mouth, which I was not about to open until she squeezed my cheeks. Ya, you'll open all right. Period. The whole tube. Damn near came back out of my nose. Like that was going to keep him from knowing I was drunk. I must have looked like a rabid dog when the doctor was there. He takes one look at me and says, "This ain't going to hurt one bit." He sewed me up without novocaine, and it did not hurt. I was too busy blowing toothpaste out of my nose. Good night, nurse.

BLAST FROM THE PAST- STORIES FROM OLD BEAVER BEACONS


The Beaver Beacon

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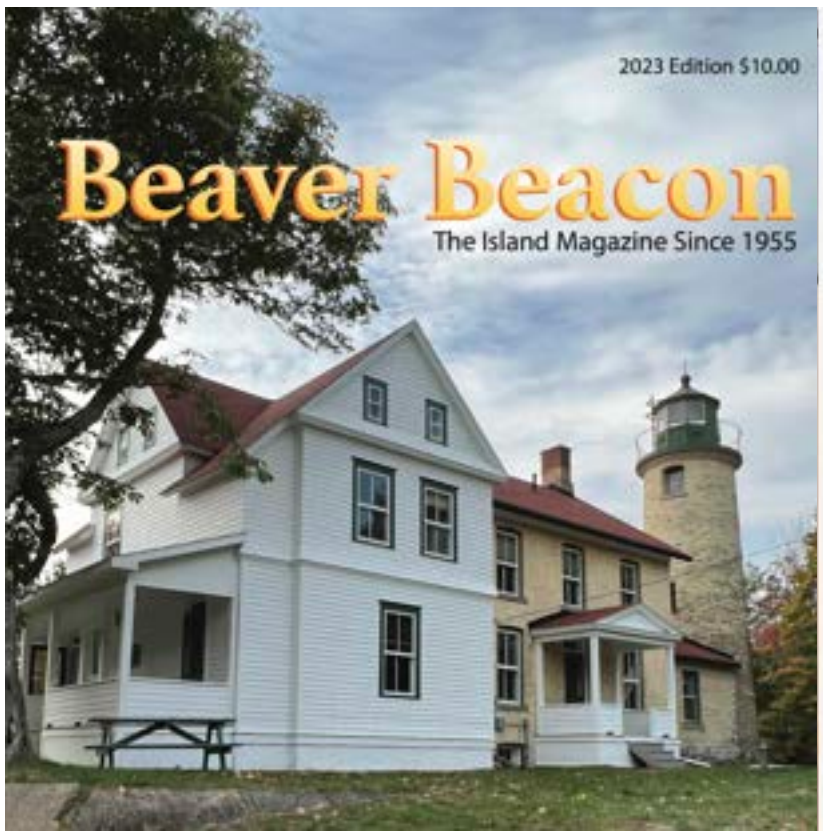
Published March 4, 1960

CONSERVATION NEWS: Still a light winter to report--not too much snow or cold weather. Everytime a good southwest wind blows, quite a portion of the harbor opens up and the ice moves out of the passage between Beaver and Garden Islands.

Rabbit hunting has been excellent. Much better than last year and prospects are that next year will be still better. Our rabbits are the "Varied Hare" variety--sometimes called "Sacchel foot" but usually called "Snowshoe" rabbits--they come equipped with built-in snowshoes, and in the wintertime they turn white.

Speaking of snowshoes, Milt Bennett tried them out for the first time last week. After trial and error he now belongs to the Snowshoe Club.

About a month from now the trapping season opens on Beaver. As you may know we have a different color beaver here than on the mainland; we have the Black Beaver.



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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is kicking off 2024 by welcoming three new individuals to the Board of Trustees; Jim Lentz, Tom Teske, and Dr. Anna Young.

Jim Lentz has called Charlevoix home for the last 25 years, after relocating here from metro Detroit in 1999. As a Business Accountant for 33 years, Jim has helped to shape the success of many of our area companies. He served 13 years as the Director of Management Accounting at ALP Lighting- LexaLite, 5 years with ACAT Global, and is now the Controller for Kilwins. Working with area youth has been a big part of his life, coaching many youth sports with a special focus on baseball and softball. He was a Board Member of the Charlevoix Little League for 14 years serving in multiple roles and serves on the Finance Council of the St. Mary Parish in Charlevoix. Jim and his wife Diana, a nurse at Charlevoix Hospital, have been married for 31 years and they have three children, Ben, Grace, and Mary. Ben served on the C3F Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) from 2016-2020. Jim shared, "I was honored to be asked to join the Community Foundation as a trustee. My son's experience as a YAC member was extremely rewarding for him. I am looking forward to joining the Trustee team and giving back to this wonderful community that my family calls home."

Tom Teske enjoyed an impressive career with EJ spanning 46 years. Starting in 1976 in sales near Chicago, Tom became Product Sales Manager in 1986 and relocated to East Jordan. In 2006, he was named Vice President and General Manager of the Americas, the position he held until his retirement in 2022. He is currently the principal owner of the business consulting firm Thomas M. Teske & Associates. Tom has served on the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and held leading roles on the City of East Jordan Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Jordan River Arts Council. He has a passion for the natural beauty and outdoor recreation of this region and served as leadership forthe Northern Michigan Ski Academy for 25 years. He currently sits on the Board of Camp Daggett and serves as Secretary for the East Jordan Rotary Club. "I'm excited to be a part of this amazing group of leaders," said Tom, "and I'm ready to bring my experience to the C3F Board to make a difference in Charlevoix County."

Anna Young served as a practicing physician in Charlevoix County for more than 30 years. She also worked with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan with their Hospice program, served as a physician at Grandvue Long Term Care for 14 years, and is dedicated to working toward strengthening accessto health care in our region. Anna served on the Charlevoix Hospital board, helped children in our community through Kiwanis, and served on the board of BASES. Married with two adult children, she is grateful for the wonderful educational opportunities and outstanding natural beauty and outdoor recreation this region offers. As a community leader she is dedicated to both the protection of our natural resources and enhancing educational opportunities for Charlevoix County citizens. Anna shares, "It is an honor to be able to serve on the board of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and support its mission to improve and enrich the life of all who live in our area."

Keith Carey, Chair of the Foundation's Board, is looking forward to working with the new trustees. "It's always exciting to welcome new members to the Community Foundation's Board of Trustees. Jim, Tom, and Anna are fabulous additions to our already dynamic Board, each bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table. We are looking forward to doing great things together for the citizens of Charlevoix County."

Including the new appointments, the Community Foundation's Board of Trustees includes fifteen members, representing all regions of Charlevoix County. Other trustees include Monica Peck, Cindy Grice, John McLeod, Dean Solomon, and Erika Van Dam of Boyne City and Boyne Falls; Keith Carey and Jeff Crouse of Charlevoix; Pam Grassmick of Beaver Island; and Jennifer Boyer, Bill Lorne, Angie Nachazel, and Carol Timmer of East Jordan.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come. For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at ***www.c3f.org.***

In Loving Memory of USAF Maj (Ret) Vincent P. Beilman Jr.

Submitted by Beilman Family

Vincent Beilman Jr. departed from this world on January 31, 2024. He passed away peacefully at 91 in his home with his loving wife of nearly sixty years, Audrey A. Beilman, by his side.

Born on November 20, 1932, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Vincent lived a life filled with purpose, compassion, and a commitment to those he held dear. He was the loving son of Vincent P. Beilman Sr. & Lelia M. (Quillen) Beilman and brother to Lorraine M. (Beilman) Hurd, all of whom preceded him in passing from this earth.

Vincent was an Officer, a gentleman, a devout Catholic, a loving husband, a father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was known throughout his life for his love of family, as well as a lifelong fascination with airplanes and flying and his distinguished, twenty-year service to his country in the United States Air Force, including very proud service in Vietnam during the war. After his long career in the Air Force, Vincent went on to a second career as an engineering draftsman with Greiner Engineering in Tampa, FL.

Vincent spent his retirement years on Beaver Island in northern Michigan where he spent time with beloved family and friends. While on Beaver island, Vincent was a regular volunteer in AMVETS and other organizations, as well as attending mass regularly. He was also a gardener and an artist who cultivated his substantial talent building model airplanes, all of which were proudly displayed throughout his and Audrey's beautiful lakeside home.

Vincent is survived by his wife, Audrey, and his daughter Susan M. (Beilman) Brimmer and son Vincent P. Beilman III, as well as his grandchildren, Emily, Christopher, Taylor, Grace and Emma, and great grandchildren Aidan, Cooper, McKenna and Brooks. Vincent is also survived by a multitude of friends and extended family who will forever cherish the memories shared with him. He will be profoundly missed and remembered for his enduring impact on the lives of those he touched.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of USAF Maj. (Ret) Vincent P. Beilman Jr. will be held this summer on Beaver Island. Family and friends will be invited to join in honoring his memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to AMVETS Post 46, Box 319 Beaver island MI 49782 (231-448-3088), reflecting Maj. (Ret) Vincent P. Beilman Jr.'s dedication to the Post and men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

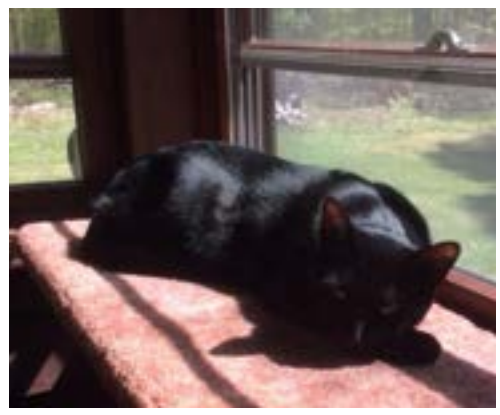
May Maj. (Ret) Vincent P. Beilman Jr. find eternal peace, and may the memories of his love and laughter provide comfort to all who mourn his passing.

Arrangements are under the care of the Charlevoix Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign his online guestbook at **www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com**

Furbabies of Beaver Island

The LaFreniere Cats

By Jacque LaFreniere



Hello! We are the cats who live with Mark and Jacque LaFreniere. They are our servants actually. We rule the house. (For example, they tried for years to keep us off the counter tops, but we eventually wore them down.) We don't like it when they are talking on the phone and not paying attention to us, so we let them know. Teddy actually stole the phone once!

All four of us are siblings, born of the same parents, though you wouldn't know it to look at us. Kallie, the calico, looks most like our Mom and Teddy, the black cat, looks most like our Dad. Blaze, the long haired one and Sammy, the gray tabby are the other two in the litter and look like neither of our parents, or siblings.

We live inside, but love looking out the windows. We love laying in the sun. Sometimes a squirrel or bird gets too close to the window and gets us all excited! But we never try to get outside. It is safe and warm inside and they feed us well. Why leave?

Speaking of food, we love treats and Kallie is our leader. She begs the best and claims she is the prettiest of us all so she follows the human in the kitchen around until they break down and give us treats, of course then we all get some. Our human servants always say they want to come back as a LaFreniere cat. But we say, "Sorry, that position is already taken."

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS JANUARY 24, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on January 24, 2024, at 6:00 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Harmon.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-008, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved the appointment of Cheryl Potter Browe, Pat Harmon, Becki King, and alternate Scott Hankins to the Charlevoix County Transit Advisory Committee.

Motion approved the appointment of Sharon Misiak, Cathy Kessler, Wanda Carr, Harry Wright, and Janet Kalbfell to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory Board.

Motion approved the appointment of Robin Hissong-Berry, Brian Williams, Cindy Banner, Lisa Alexander, and Craig Williams to the Charlevoix County Parks Advisory Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #24-009, Amended Student Government Policy.

Motion approved Resolution #24-010, Employee Handbook.

Motion approved Resolution #24-011, FY 2025 Resolution of Intent.

Motion approved Resolution #24-012, FY 2025 Contract Clauses Certification.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:55 p.m.
Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 14, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on February 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Harmon.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-013, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #24-014, County Expenditures.

Motion approved the resignation of Lawrence Wagle from the Charlevoix County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Motion failed to approve a re-bid of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan Roof. No support.

Motion approved Resolution #24-015, Whiting Park Electrical Upgrades. 4.1 Nays –Commissioner Jess.

Motion approved Resolution #24-016, Health Department of Northwest Michigan Roof.

Motion approved Resolution #24-017, Drug Court Laptop Computer Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #24-018, Shirley Roloff Center Tractor, Snow-blower, and Box Scraper Equipment Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #24-019, Charlevoix County in Memorial Donations.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:55 a.m.
Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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